

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 4, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 11-21 stand withdrawn by the Examiner and claims 1-10 and 22 are rejected. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-10 and 22 in the reply filed on December 9, 2005, is acknowledged.

Claims 11-21 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Rice, et al. (US 6,092,604)* (see figures 1-7 and column 4, lines 18-27).

The Examiner states that screen wire 46 has offset and non-offset overlapped portions. However, one wire 46 overlaps a separate and radially spaced apart wire 38, but is not a single wire having an overlapping portion. Therefore, *Rice, et al.* does not teach, show, or suggest the filtering member comprising a single wire wound around the outer wall to form a substantially seamless tubular shape, the single wire having at least one overlapping portion as disclosed in amended claim 1 and claims 2-10, and 23 which depend therefrom. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 1 and claims 2-10, and 23 which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. Further, *Rice, et al.* does not teach, show, or suggest the filtering member comprises a single wire wound around the outer wall to form a substantially seamless tubular shape the single wire having at least one overlapping portion as disclosed in amended claim 22. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 22 is in condition for allowance.

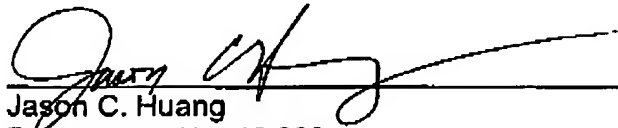
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Atty. Dkt. No. WEAT/0499**New Claims**

New claim 23 has been added to better define aspects of the invention, no new matter was added. As discussed above, Applicant submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance and thus, claim 23 which depends therefrom is also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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